

FORSCOM REGULATION 500-3

FORSCOM MOBILIZATION AND DEPLOYMENT PLANNING SYSTEM (FORMDEPS)



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Summary. This regulation promulgates the FORSCOM Mobilization and Deployment Planning System (FORMDEPS). It describes the five volumes of FORMDEPS and assigns responsibilities to HQ FORSCOM staff agencies, commanders of Major Army Commands, commanders of the numbered Armies in the Continental United States, State Adjutants General, State Area Commands, U.S. Army Reserve Command, and commanders of installations. This regulation provides for distribution of FORMDEPS documents through use of the FORSCOM extranet, "Freddie" at <http://freddie.forscom.army.mil/mob>.

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1. Purpose

This regulation prescribes responsibilities and provides guidance for implementing the FORSCOM Mobilization and Deployment Planning System (FORMDEPS). The objective of FORMDEPS is to provide consolidated mobilization, deployment and demobilization procedural planning guidance, responsibilities, and instructions. The FORMDEPS documents are directive in nature and support Army policy and guidance for mobilization planning contained in Joint Pub 4-05, AR 10-87, AR 10-5, and AR 500-5.

2. Required References

AR 10-5	(Organization and Functions, Headquarters, Department of the Army)
AR 10-87	(Major Army Commands in the Continental United States, Chapter 5, Forces Command)
AR 500-5	(Army Mobilization)
Joint Pub 4-05	(Joint Doctrine for Mobilization Planning)

3. Explanation of Terms

a. For the purpose of simplicity in planning, the term mobilization for the purposes of this regulation incorporates all levels of Reserve activation to include Selective Mobilization through Full Mobilization.

b. Abbreviations used in this regulation are explained in the **Glossary**.

4. General

The FORMDEPS is a short-range, current capability planning system. Specifically, FORMDEPS:

a. Serves as the framework for centralized planning management.

b. Describes mobilization and deployment relationships of FORSCOM with HQDA, unified commands, Major Army Commands (MACOM), National Guard Bureau (NGB), defense agencies, field operating agencies, and subordinate elements.

c. Directs actions based on missions and responsibilities of subordinate headquarters.

d. Consolidates FORSCOM policies, mission assignments, procedures, and plans for the development, coordination, dissemination, review, and approval of mobilization plans, and provides for

planning the execution of mobilization, deployment and demobilization.

5. FORMDEPS Documents

FORMDEPS will be published in 5 volumes as described below:

a. Volume I, FORSCOM Mobilization Plan (FMP), FORSCOM Regulation 500-3-1. This plan assigns responsibilities and provides guidance, instructions, and procedures for mobilization planning and execution.

b. Volume II, Deployment Guide, FORSCOM Regulation 500-3-2. This document provides guidance and assigns responsibilities for deployment of units. It prescribes types of deployment to include standard, modified, direct deployment, and Home Station Deployment.

c. Volume III, Reserve Component Unit Commanders Handbook, FORSCOM Regulation 500-3-3. This document is designed to be a single-source document for RC unit commanders. It provides planning information and requirements necessary to alert, mobilize, and move a RC unit to its mobilization station.

d. Volume IV, Installation Commanders Handbook, FORSCOM Regulation 500-3-4. This document has two sections. Section I is the directive for preparing installation mobilization plans. Section II contains mobilization and deployment planning and execution requirements with a brief discussion of appropriate references. This section serves as a guide for the mobilization station commander to ensure all aspects of mobilization and deployment are considered in planning.

e. Volume V, Demobilization, FORSCOM Regulation 500-3-5. This document assigns responsibilities and provides guidance, instructions, and procedures for redeployment and demobilization of Reserve Component (RC) units and individuals. It also includes guidance for demobilizing Individual Mobilization Augmentees, Retirees and members of the Individual Ready Reserve.

6. Responsibilities

a. Commander, FORSCOM, acts as the HQDA executive and coordinating authority for mobilization and has the authority to task other MACOM and Army agencies to accomplish responsibilities assigned by AR 10-87.

b. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, HQ FORSCOM, will:

(1) Be the central FORSCOM authority for mobilization policy and guidance, for preparing Army forces for deployment and for demobilization policy.

(2) Establish, publish, and maintain the FORMDEPS documents.

(3) Coordinate the FORMDEPS structure within HQ FORSCOM. Task the staff to prepare appropriate portions of FORMDEPS documents.

(4) Ensure that FORMDEPS guidance, policies, and procedures satisfy AMOPES and other approved requirements and does not conflict with published legislative and regulatory documents.

(5) Coordinate all matters pertaining to ARNG units or individuals with the Chief, NGB. This will be done before implementation or contact with ARNG units or personnel, except as otherwise covered by memoranda of understanding on the Army WARTRACE program.

(6) Approve CONUSA mobilization plans or supplements on the triennial basis.

c. Headquarters, FORSCOM staff agencies will:

(1) Assist the DCSOPS in developing and maintaining portions of FORMDEPS pertaining to their functional areas.

(2) Disseminate additional guidance, as required, to their staff support agencies or field operating agencies.

d. United States Army Reserve Command (USARC). This organization will manage and resource USAR units to accomplish those mobilization and deployment missions assigned by HQ FORSCOM.

e. National Guard Bureau. This organization will manage and resource ARNG units to accomplish those mobilization and deployment missions assigned by HQ FORSCOM.

f. The CONUSA Commanders are FORSCOM agents for mobilization, deployment and demobilization planning and execution and in this capacity will:

(1) Direct, review, coordinate, and task mobilization, deployment and demobilization planning by Power Projection and Power Support

Platforms. The CONUSA exercise operational control (OPCON) over active installations, semi-active installations and state operated mobilization stations (SOMS) for mobilization and deployment planning during peacetime and during mobilization execution.

(2) In coordination with the State Adjutant General (TAG), coordinate and approve state operated mobilization station mobilization plans. The CONUSA accomplish this oversight through approved WARTRACE planning associations.

(3) Every 3 years approve Power Projection and Power Support Platforms mobilization planning documents (i.e., mobilization plan, coordinating/supporting installation standing operating procedures, Mobilization Assistance Team (MAT) standing operating procedures, and marshalling area plans).

(4) Ensure coordination with other MACOM and TAG regarding taskings to their installation/state operated mobilization stations.

(5) Ensure tasks assigned in FORMDEPS are completed.

f. Installation commanders will:

(1) Submit mobilization documents to CONUSA for approval under guidance in FORMDEPS, Volume I.

(2) Complete tasks and plans in accordance with instructions contained in FORMDEPS, Volumes II and IV.

7. Required Plans

a. Mobilization plans developed in response to FORMDEPS volumes are required for the following:

(1) The CONUSA.

(2) Mobilization Stations (to include all Power Projection and Power Support Platforms, to include semi-active and state operated locations).

b. Separate RC units down to and including detachment level will maintain unit mobilization files as described in FORMDEPS, Volume I and Volume III. Exceptions are noted in FORMDEPS, Volume III.

GLOSSARY

AMOPES	Army Mobilization and Operations Planning and Execution System
CONUSA	The numbered armies in Continental United States with an area support mission for RC units
FORMDEPS	FORSCOM Mobilization and Deployment Planning System
IMA	Individual Mobilization Augmentee
IRR	Individual Ready Reservist
MACOM	Major Army Command
MUSARC	Major United States Army Reserve Command
NGB	National Guard Bureau
OPCON	Operational Control
RC	Reserve Component
RSC	Regional Support Command
TAG/STARC	State Adjutant General/State Area Command
SOMS	State Operated Mobilization Station
USARC	United States Army Reserve Command